

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2006. Claims 1 and 3-5 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3-5 were finally rejected by the Examiner. Claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claim 1 is the independent claim. Applicant has amended Claim 1. No new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.


The Office Action rejected Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Furthermore, the Office Action found Claims 1 and 3-5, 6, and 7 as three distinct inventions as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination and therefore requiring restriction to the one of the inventions. Therefore, Claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention since the applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention in Claims 1 and 3-5.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 and now believes this claim to be allowable over the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. In addition, since the Examiner has stated that the Claims have not been rejected over any prior art, Applicant believes Claim 1 to be fully allowable. Furthermore, Claims 3-5 depend from independent Claim 1 as discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, Applicants submits that Claims 1 and 3-5 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently pending claims are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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